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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/785,065; Filed: February 25, 2004

Self-Cleaning Apparatus for Material Transfer, Collection and

Disposal

Inventor: Nicholas J. Berg

Our Ref: 2241.0010000/TGD/JDS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 13, 2007, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.